

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any programme for the welfare of fruit producers in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Agriculture have facilitated the formation of different Fruit Growers' Association in the country. With a view to empower the grower of horticulture produce, the Association of Fruit Growers organizes workshops/seminars etc. at regular intervals to disseminate knowledge on development of crops, modern technologies, post-harvest management and marketing of produce. The NHB assists the fruit growers to participate in Krishimelas/ exhibitions at State, National and International level. Nineteen such Growers' Association have been established (list at Annexure-I). The funds allocated to Growers Association for the above purpose during the last three years given at Annexure-II.